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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I (a) PLAINTIFFS				DEFENDANTS		
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)  (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)				COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED  ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)		
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION			III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR (For Diversity Cases Only)  PTF DEF  PTF DEF  PTF DEF			
□ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff □ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)			Citizen of This State			
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)			Citizen of Another State Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country    2			
IV. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)						
CONTRACT	T	ORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
□ 110 Insurance □ 120 Marine □ 130 Miller Act □ 140 Negotiable Instrument □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judg. □ 151 Medicare Act □ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) □ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits □ 160 Stockholders's Suits □ 190 Other Contract □ 195 Contract Product Liability  REAL PROPERTY □ 210 Land Condemnation □ 220 Foreclosure □ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment □ 240 Torts to Land □ 245 Tort Product Liability □ 290 All Other Real Property	PERSONAL INJURY    310 Airplane   315 Airplane Product Liability   320 Assault, Libel & Slander   330 Federal Employers Liability   340 Marine   345 Marine Product Liability   350 Motor Vehicle   355 Motor Vehicle   360 Other Personal Injury    CIVIL RIGHTS   441 Voting   442 Employment   443 Housing/ Accommodations   444 Welfare   440 Other Civil Rights	□ 365 Persona Produc □ 368 Asbesto Persona Produc  PERSONAL I □ 370 Other F □ 371 Truth in □ 380 Other Perpoperty □ 385 Propert	al Injury - Malpractice al Injury - t Liability bs al Injury t t Liability PROPERTY Fraud In Lending Promage To Damage To Damage To Damage To Liability PETITIONS VacateSentence CORPUS: I Penalty The Source of the content of the con	□ 610 Agriculture           □ 620 Other Food & Drug           □ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881           □ 630 Liquor Laws           □ 640 RR & Truck           □ 650 Airline Regs           □ 660 Occupational Safety/Health           □ 690 Other           LABOR           □ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act           □ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations           □ 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act           □ 740 Railway Labor Act           □ 790 Other Labor Litigation           □ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	□ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 □ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  PROPERTY RIGHTS □ 820 Copyrights □ 830 Patent □ 840 Trademark  SOCIAL SECURITY □ 861 HIA (1395ff) □ 862 Black Lung (923) □ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) □ 864 SSID Title XVI □ 865 RSI (405(g))  FEDERAL TAX SUITS □ 870 Taxes (US plaintiff or defendant) □ 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	□ 400         State Reapportionment           □ 410         Antitrust           □ 430         Banks & Banking           □ 430         Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.           □ 460         Deportation           □ 470         Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations           □ 810         Selective Service           □ 850         Securities/Commodities/Exchange           □ 875         Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410           □ 891         Agricultural Acts           □ 892         Economic Stabilization Act           □ 893         Environmental Matters           □ 894         Energy Allocation Act           □ 895         Freedom of Information Act           □ 900         Appeal of fee determination under equal Access to Justice           □ 950         Constitutionality of State Statutes           □ 890         Other Statutory Actions
V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)						
□ 1 Original □ 2 Removed □ 3 Remanded from □ 4 Reinstated Proceeding from State Appellate Court □ 4 Reinstated or Reopened another district Litigation Magistrate Judg. □ 7 Appeal to District another district Litigation (specify)						
VI. CAUSE OF AC	TION CITE THE U.S. CIVI	IL STATUTE UNDEF	R WHICH YOU AI	RE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF S	TATEMENT OF CAUSE.	
VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS COMPLAINT: □ ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23				DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint:  JURY DEMAND: □ YES □ NO		
VIII. RELATED CA IF ANY	SE(S) (See instructions)	: □ YES	□ NO If	yes, please complete	related case form.	
DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD						
A. Antitrust E. General Civil F. Pro Se General Civil I. FOIA (If pro se, select  B. Malpractice G. Habeas Corpus this deck)  D. TRO/Preliminary Injunction (If Antitrust, then A governs) 3-Judge Court select this deck)						

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44 Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- **I.** (a) **Plaintiffs Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
  - (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record.
- **II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdiction be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal Question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- **III. Residence** (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- **VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. A U.S. District Court related case form must be completed if the case being filed is related to a case previously filed in this Court.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.